

SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR DR. DUFF AT DATA GENERAL PRESS CONFERENCE
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GOOD MORNING. TODAY IS AN IMPORTANT DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LOWELL. THE NEW COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, WHICH MOST OF YOU ARE SEEING FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS THE RESULT OF HAND IN HAND COOPERATION BETWEEN PEOPLE IN EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY.--AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF VENTURE THAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE MR. EDSON DE CASTRO HERE TODAY. MR. DE CASTRO HAS BEEN THE PRESIDENT OF DATA GENERAL CORPORATION SINCE 1968, AND UNDER HIS DIRECTION IT HAS GROWN TO BE ONE OF THE LEADING MANUFACTURERS OF SMALL COMPUTERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, WITH SALES OF \$507 MILLION IN 1979 AND MORE THAN 14,000 EMPLOYEES.

LAST YEAR DATA GENERAL DONATED 11 MICRONOVA COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO THE UNIVERSITY, A DONATION OF SOME \$170,000 -- HOWEVER THE REAL VALUE FIGURE APPROACHES A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS, BECAUSE DATA GENERAL ALSO PROVIDED THE ENGINEERING PERSONNEL NEEDED TO INSTALL THE EQUIPMENT.

THIS 4-YEAR COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM, IN THE PLANNING STAGES FOR NEARLY 3 YEARS, WAS DESIGNED WITH SUGGESTIONS FROM INDUSTRIAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERTS TO PROVIDE BOTH PRACTICAL AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING. THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGH TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL BROUGHT TOGETHER ADVISORS FROM INDUSTRY TO HELP DEVELOP THE PROGRAM.

WE ANTICIPATE HAVING 125 STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAM BY SEPTEMBER AND TWO TO THREE HUNDRED WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. THIS NEW PROGRAM WILL SERVE A VERY IMPORTANT FUNCTION, EDUCATING STUDENTS IN THE COMPUTER FIELD -- A FIELD OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE -- AND TRAINING PROFESSIONALS FOR CAREERS IN ONE OF THE STATE'S MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRIES, ONE THAT IS SEEKING QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES.

TODAY IS A PARTICULARLY PROUD ONE FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOWELL BECAUSE MR. DE CASTRO IS AN ALUMNUS OF OUR SCHOOL AND A FORMER HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT HERE. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THE PEOPLE AT DATA GENERAL FOR THEIR GENEROSITY AND CONTINUING SUPPORT, AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THEM IN THE FUTURE.